

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 10 new fires reported.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Martin and McCombs) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill and Palestine, Texas. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Hildreth) are assigned in Nacogdoches and Longview, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Corley) is working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

OUTLOOK:

***** A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHWEST TEXAS FOR HIGH WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES*****

A strong cold front will move across north Texas early on Wednesday. Winds will be from the north with cloudy skies and much cooler temperatures can be expected. Temperatures will warm into the 60's by Thursday and Friday.



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FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack who is busy with airtankers?)
- Is the primary burning period ending? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					57	25	82
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	8	1	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	57	25	82

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	45	5	53
	ACRES				2,165	10	2,025	4,200
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			146	30	181
	ACRES	0	1			20	12	33
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5	6			37	25	73
	ACRES	23	5			261	30	319
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	2		1		3	8
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	131	6	139
	ACRES				1	999	67	1,067
Southern Area	FIRES	55		5	3	3,943	83	4,089
	ACRES	6,851		755	530	38,136	2,666	48,938
TOTAL	FIRES	64	14	5	9	4,304	152	4,548
	ACRES	6,874	6	755	2,896	39,455	4,815	54,801
Eight Year Average Fires								9,737
Eight Year Average Acres								178,259

*****Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in March*****

and

*****Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments*****

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		5					5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					13	5	18
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						13	13
	ACRES						1,861	1,861
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	14	15
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	13	1,866	1,884

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	57	2			34	96
	ACRES	4	3,253	725			1,198	5,180
Northern California	FIRES	1	6	3	3		23	36
	ACRES	31	66	4,729	475		1,743	7,044
Southern California	FIRES		1				35	36
	ACRES		5				4,772	4,777
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		4			110		114
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2		1		137	143
	ACRES	413	177		1,000		4,173	5,763
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	4	4	2	12	24
	ACRES		110	125	49	39	355	678
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	26	28
	ACRES					1,200	1,006	2,206
Southern Area	FIRES	19		115	11	84	431	660
	ACRES	4,046		38,601	20,383	68,482	337,053	468,565
TOTAL	FIRES	26	71	124	19	90	700	1,030
	ACRES	4,494	3,628	44,180	21,907	69,831	350,418	494,458

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California	1								13	
Southern California		5							32	376
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									28	90
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			6		1				64	1
Southern Area	163				35				134	1959
Total	164	5	6	0	36	0	0	0	271	2426

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